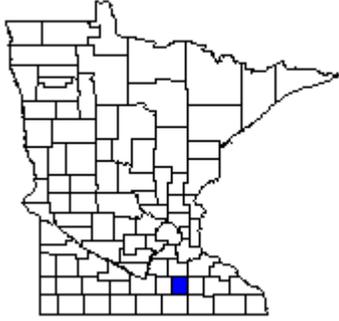


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 SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Hansen at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Conservation Office located at 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna, MN.

<u>SWCD Supervisors Present:</u>	<u>SWCD Staff Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Dan Hansen, Chrmn.	Dan Arndt	Commissioner Bruce Kubicek	
Mark Ihlenfeld, Treasurer	Eric Gulbransen		
Kyle Wolfe, Vice-Chrmn.	Sue Condon		
Dave Melby, Secretary			
James Klecker, Reporter			

The April agenda was reviewed and approved.

The March minutes were sent to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ihlenfeld to approve the minutes as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

The March Treasurer’s Report (see attached) was read by Ihlenfeld. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker to approve the March Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Bills: (see attached.) Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker to approve paying the bills as listed. Motion was carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. SE-MASWCD Supervisors Meeting, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Hansen, Ihlenfeld and Melby attended. They reported on the details of the meeting. There were 14 speakers from 9-3:00 p.m. The Supervisors all questioned the need for some of the speakers.
2. Cannon River Watershed Partnership meeting, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Arndt attended this meeting. Discussed was the strategy of how to utilize the BBR to help the watershed. DNR will be modeling the Maple Creek and the Turtle Creek to help analyze the problems in those watersheds. The Dakota County Commissioners recently acquired the dam on Lake Byllesby and have expressed concerned about sediment from the Cannon River entering the lake.
3. RC & D meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup>: Ihlenfeld attended this meeting. They reviewed projects. Decided to hire a Director and to advertise the open position. RC & D would like the counties to have a scoping meeting with commissioner and supervisors, to determine what projects are needed within their counties.

CRWP Annual Mtg., March 19<sup>th</sup>: Commissioner Kubicek and Wolfe attended and reported on this meeting. The Partnership has recently been successful in acquiring some much needed operating grants.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. State Cost-share applications: Gulbransen presented 2 Flood control applications. Francis Langer 10(10)FC for 1200' waterway with tile to be encumbered for \$2,100. Luke Dobberstein 11(10)FC for 2450' waterway to be encumbered for \$3,225. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker to approve and sign these applications. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. BWSR Easement Implementation Grant. Arndt reported that because of a late signup on an extra permanent easement the District will receive an additional \$2,000 on the original base grant. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby to submit the signed amendment to receive the extra \$2,000. Motion was carried by voice vote.
3. Zumbro Watershed Partnership Agreement: Arndt presented the agreement to be signed for work to be done on a complete inventory of erosion structures in the Zumbro Watershed. This data base will take approximately 20 hours at \$40/hr for a total of \$800. The District staff will use Lidar and will putting information into e-link by the end of June. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ihlenfeld to sign this agreement. Motion was carried by voice vote.
4. Hiawatha RC & D Scoping meeting: Was discussed under old business #3. Arndt and Ihlenfeld will look into finding a date to meet with the commissioners.
5. Fair Booth Lease Agreement: Arndt presented the agreement to have a booth at the 2012 Steele County Free Fair in the Izaak Walton Fish and Game Building. The cost will be \$115. Dates are August 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. We must also send a copy of liability insurance for that time. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe to pay for the booth and sign the agreement. Motion was carried by voice vote.
6. Tree Day Distribution will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the cattle barn at the fairgrounds. Motion was made to hire part time help for tree week at \$15/hr. by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker. Motion was carried by voice vote. SEMCAC volunteers will be helping that day with check in.
7. Tree Day Planting, April 25<sup>th</sup>: The Ellendale, New Richland, and Geneva schools will be planting trees at the Brent Reese farm near Ellendale. There will be 3 session with 2 class's per session. For a total of 150 students. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby to rent an auger for the day if needed. Motion was carried by voice vote.
8. Soil Stewardship Week is April 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Soil to Spoon". Motion to order and distribute to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders the student booklet. Condon estimates this to be 600 students. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe to purchase and distribute these educational booklets. Motion was carried by voice vote.
9. Condon reported that the SE Envirothon will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> in Faribault at the park by the fairgrounds. She will be an oral judge this year. There are 19 teams registered. Three teams will be from the Medford High School.

Agency Reports: Commissioner Kubicek reported that newly elected Nina Huntington has been sworn in. She takes the place of Tom Shea, who was hired to be the county coordinator.

Staff Reports: Arndt, on behalf of the District, thanked Melby for the storage of the drill and tree planter during the winter months. Follow up from last month – the question of data privacy. The District can release names of state cost-share clients. But when it comes to any of the federal programs that a client may be in, this is private information. There is one probable WCA violation in the county.

Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Melby to adjourn the meeting. Carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Condon, District Admin. Sec.